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1. On 30 November 1951, the Pionier Kaserne on the south side of Selauerstrasse, Weissenfels (M 52/F 99), was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Several T-34 tanks and trucks were seen in the billeting area. Soldiers observed there between 9 and 19 November were engaged in maintenance work on tanks and motor vehicles. 50X1-HUM
2. On 30 November, the Infanterie Kaserne on the north side of Selauerstrasse was occupied to capacity by troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. An undetermined number of T-34 and JS tanks were seen. An employee of the barracks administration stated that a total of 68 tanks were stationed in both the Infanterie Kaserne and the Pionier Kaserne, and that some tanks had left the Infanterie Kaserne for an unknown destination, primarily departing at night. 50X1-HUM
3. On 17 November, the Pionier Kaserne was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets. All the windows of the installation were lighted at dusk.
4. On 17 November, the Infanterie Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Gate guards wore black-bordered red epaulets. The garages, whose doors were open, were filled with tanks and trucks. the troops were subject to a more strenuous training than last year. Their schedule provided for mess call at 7 a.m., training from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., a one-hour recess, training from 2:30 to 8 p.m., and then night training. * 50X1-HUM
5. the mess catered to 120 officers, and the officers had few private possessions, as they had left most of their belongings at home when they were on leave the last time. Most of the officers were depressed. ** 50X1-HUM
6. in early November that all Soviet EM were issued new boots, and all officers, 1 pair of shoes, 1 pair of boots, 2 pairs of new drawers, 3 new shirts and 1 set of heavy fur clothing. 50X1-HUM

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Comment. Thornerstrasse is situated west of the Pionier Kaserne.
The number of officers indicates that the mess may belong to a regiment.